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EMPLOYING
SCRUBBING
OPERATIONS AT THE
DISK-CONTROLLER
LEVEL

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of March 8, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.